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by email

Dear Sir/Madam,

REPRESENTATION: PLANNING APPLICATION S62A/2023/0022 PASSENGER TERMINAL STANSTED AIRPORT

<u>PROPOSAL</u>: Partial demolition of the existing Track Transit System and full demolition of two skylink walkways and the bus-gate building. Construction of a 3-bay extension to the existing passenger building, baggage handling building, plant enclosure and three skylink walkways and associated hardstanding.

We do not object in principle to the above application but, in view of the planning history of the extension plans for the Stansted Airport Passenger Terminal, we respectfully ask that, prior to permission being granted, the Applicant to be required to formally acknowledge that this permission would be in lieu of the earlier permission for a dedicated arrivals building.

Planning History

The current proposal for a three-bay extension to the existing airport terminal is presented by the Applicant as an alternative scheme to the earlier proposal, approved in April 2017 under application reference UTT/16/3566/FUL, for a dedicated arrivals building. The permission was technically implemented in March 2020 when some preliminary groundwork was carried out but work ceased shortly afterwards when the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic began to have a major impact upon air travel.

The proposed dedicated arrivals building, as approved in 2017, was itself presented by the Applicant as an alternative to an earlier proposal for a two-bay extension to the existing airport terminal, which originally secured approval in 2003 but was not implemented. Substantially the same proposal, i.e. a two-bay extension to the main passenger terminal, formed part of the 2008 permission (granted on appeal) for the expansion of Stansted Airport to a capacity of 35 million passengers per annum ('mppa').

In securing permission for the dedicated arrivals building in 2017, the Applicant accepted a condition which transferred a number of obligations, originally linked to the opening of the two-bay extension, to the opening of the new arrivals building.

It is not necessary to seek a similar transfer of conditions in this case because the 2021 approval for a throughput of 43mppa now deals with these points. We do however consider it reasonable and appropriate to seek confirmation from the Applicant that the permission under application reference S62A/2023/0022, if granted, would be in lieu of the earlier approval for a dedicated arrivals building under application reference UTT/16/3566/FUL.

In the Planning Statement, the Applicant clearly presents S62A/2023/0022 as an alternative to UTT/16/3566/FUL. We merely ask that this is formally incorporated in any approval decision.

Yours sincerely



Brian Ross Chairman, Stansted Airport Watch

cc: Planning Department, Uttlesford District Council